

EXCLUSIVE OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD SCOOP!

Revelations of the very private Alf

**"The real me..."
no problems!"**

IT'S not every day TV WEEK gets to talk with an extra-terrestrial, let alone one who has taken television by storm, is set for movie stardom, might run for President of the United States and wants to visit Australia.

But that's Alf!

Now between series and recovering from Easter, when he "carved up a few pumpkins and hit them", Alf took time out from terrorising cats to speak exclusively with TV WEEK.

The mischievous alien from Melmac revealed a number of details from his past and admitted he thinks our planet is all right.

"It sure beats Melmac — it's not there any more," Alf says with a laugh. "Earth is okay for now as I'm a little tired of travelling. I've got jet lag and I'm just getting used to my new teeth, so I want to relax for a little."

Alf also says he enjoys living with the Tanner family — Willy, Kate and the kids.

"They're not the most exciting family but it could have been worse," he says.

"Willy needs to lighten up a little. He's too uptight. I think he needs to take it easy. Kate's fine and she likes me. I get along with her but I respect her territory."

Alf is more than pleased to know that his show, screening here on the Seven Network, is giving 60 Minutes its biggest jolt in Australian TV ratings for years.

"That's great," he says. "Had enough of Jana Wendt, huh?"

Before crash landing on Earth, Alf's job was helping the Orbit Guards on his native Melmac.

"We protected the orbit of the planet," he explains. "Our motto was to protect the orbit whether it needed it or not and I hung around at the Galaxy Cafe."

A slightly emotional Alf also reveals he does miss some of his alien mates and particularly his girlfriend Rhonda.

"Yeah, I do," he says quietly. "Hopefully they'll write or get in touch with me now that I'm a star. I'm not allowed to date out of my species, so I do miss Rhonda."

Rumors abound about the number of hearts Alf broke on Melmac.

"There were just a couple," he says. "I can't complain."

Asked about another rumor that he was a male model, he becomes stern.

"Who told you that?" he asks. "Yes, it's true that I did a little bit to get me through school."

Alf reveals he is particularly keen on the music and politics he



● Lovable Alf and Willy (Max Wright) . . . "he's too uptight," says Alf.

has encountered since being on Earth.

"Music is kind of kinky here," he says. "I'm just getting into it and exploring it."

"I've always liked the Partridge Family and the Archies but now I'm testing all the new waters."

"Modern singers like that Ella



Fitzgerald are pretty good. She's got a career ahead of her if she keeps up the work."

And politics?

"God, that's a sitcom in itself," Alf says. "I might just run for President."

Alf The Movie is being written and the star is looking forward to the transition to the big screen, although stardom in general is something he takes in his stride.

"It helps you get a cup of coffee," he says. "The movie will begin with the day my planet exploded and the adventures I had getting here to Earth. We're just writing it now."

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But Alf refuses to name any preferences for co-stars because he doesn't want to get anyone's hopes too high.

Asked about the possibility of being immortalised by having his footprints in the Hollywood Boulevard Walk of Fame, Alf becomes reticent.

"I don't wear any shoes and it could be kind of messy," he says. "You know what? I didn't know I was naked until I got to Earth!"

Travelling, however, is a subject Alf does like to discuss.

"I'd like to go Down Under and visit you folks and I'd like to go to France," he says.

"I understand Jerry Lewis is big there and if he can make it there anybody can!"

If Alf does grace our shores the feline population need not worry — much.

"I laid off on the cats when I found out you had this weird custom of keeping them as house pets," he says.

"So I must say I haven't eaten a single cat since I've been here. They've all been married!"

David Brown

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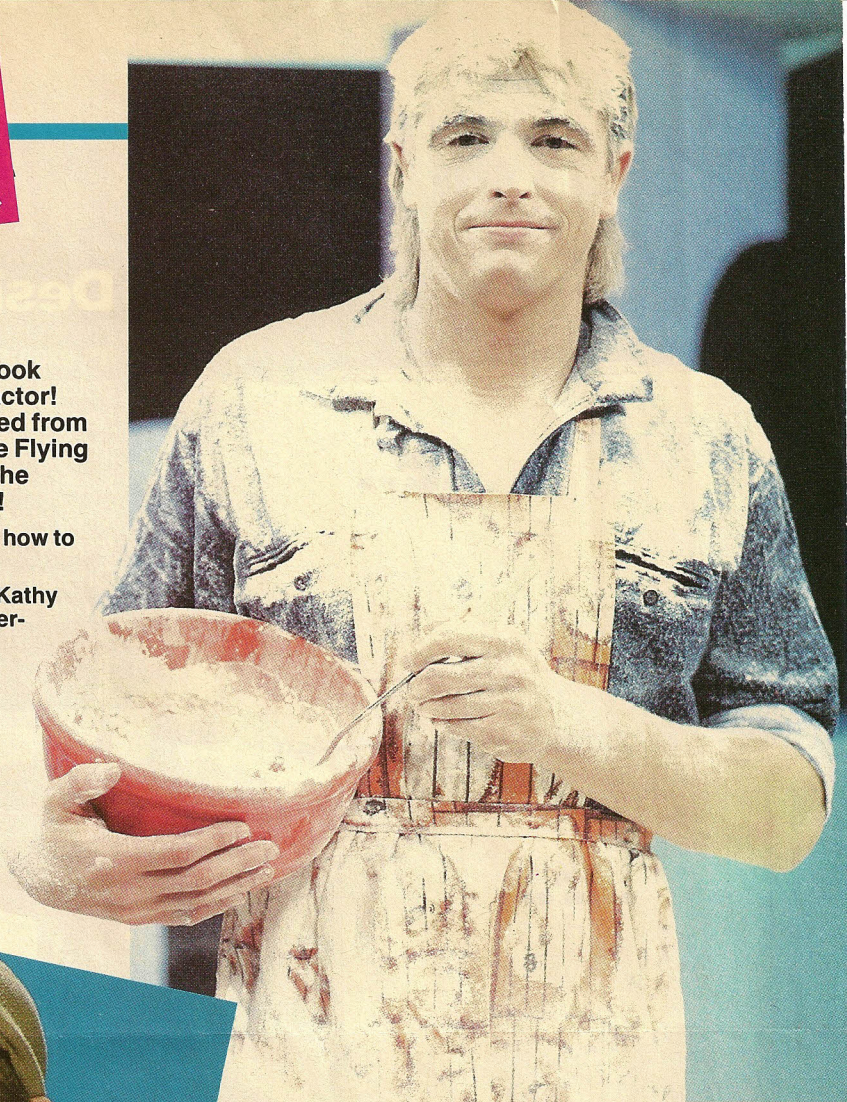
HIS career might be on the boil, but as a cook Peter O'Brien obviously makes a great actor! The heart-throb star who recently crossed from Network Ten's *Neighbours* to Nine's *The Flying Doctors* recently made a guest appearance on *The Cartoon Company* and finished up in a real stew!

Peter agreed to appear on the show to demonstrate how to cook one of his favorite recipes.

But he was completely unaware that popular hosts Kathy Hopper and Craig Campbell had already spent considerable time brewing up a special little plan of their own.

Just as the pot was properly stirred and that last pinch of salt went in to add taste there was an explosion of flour power.

One very surprised *Flying Doctors* pilot turned literally a whiter shade of pale and one cooking lesson came to an abrupt and unscheduled end amid gales of laughter.



"I HAVE a lot of love to give and I want to get married, but I just never meet datable men." So says beautiful Whitney Houston and, for would-be suitors, she lists the qualities she's looking for in a man. "He'd be much like my father," she says. "Tall, dark, handsome and, above all, intelligent."



A LITTLE character called Alf, a name coined from the words "alien life force", has made quite an impact since he made his debut on Australian screens recently and he's given the chance to star in a regular series to eight-year-old Benji Gregory. Ask Benji what he wants to do when he grows up and you'll get a prompt answer.

"I want to be an actor," he says. "Otherwise I might have to get a job!"

The second of three children — he has a sister Becky, 13, and brother Matthew, 5 — Benji comes from a family steeped in showbusiness. His father, uncle and sister are actors and his grandmother is the agent who is guiding his career.

He first appeared on TV in commercials, but soon went on to win guest roles in series such as *Fantasy Island*, *The A-Team*, *T.J. Hooker*, *Amazing Stories*, *The Twilight Zone* and an NBC pilot called *Fenster Hall*.

He also was in a Walt Disney telemovie called *Mr Boogidy*, another telemovie called *The Last Run* and currently he's on show on the big screen as Harry Carlson jnr in *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, opposite Whoopi Goldberg.